

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the competition for the Marine One helicopter replacement contract reaches its final stages, we write to respectfully encourage your Administration to maintain your repeated position that this contract will be decided on its merits rather than on the basis of international politics.


This competition has been a good process thus far. According to press accounts and members of your Administration, both major bidders have significantly upgraded the quality of their entries during this year. We respectfully request that you continue to resist efforts to politicize the process.

We continue to believe that the Marine One helicopter should be wholly made in the United States by American workers, just as it has since 1957. We also believe that the bid submitted by the Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., is a superior entry and we believe it deserves full and fair consideration – as members of your administration have assured us it will.


Thank you very much for your attention to this request. We look forward to continue to work with you and members of your administration on this issue of vital importance to Connecticut.


Sincerely,

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